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## AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4, 6, 9, 10, and 12.

Please amend claims 1-3, 5, 8, 11, 15, 21, and 22 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) Apparatus for helping to protect an occupant of a vehicle that has a side structure and a roof, said apparatus comprising:

an inflatable vehicle occupant protection device that is inflatable in a direction away from the vehicle roof into a position between the side structure of the vehicle and

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